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SUBJECT: FY 76 NARCOTICS PROGRAM SUBMISSION

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1. THE EMBASSY IS COMMENDED FOR ITS EXCELLENT, WELL CONCEIVED AND COMPREHENSIVE PRESENTATION OF FY 76 NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAMS CONTAINED IN REFERENCED AIRGRAM. NARRATIVE SECTION, IN PARTICULAR, ESTABLISHED PARAMETERS FOR THOSE PROGRAMS IN FRANK, REALISTIC TERMS. REPORT WILL REMAIN PRINCIPAL GUIDELINE IN EVALUATING PROGRESS MADE IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS.

2. SUBJECT TO THE RECEIPT OF MORE INFORMATION ON THE REQUESTS INDICATED BELOW, THE CURRENT ESTIMATED NCAP FOR FY 75 AND THE PROPOSED NCAP FOR FY 76, AFTER REVIEW AND DECISION BY THE EA INTERAGENCY REGIONAL WORKING GROUP, HAS BEEN APPROVED BY AMBASSADOR VANCE, COORDINATOR FOR INTER-

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NATIONAL NARCOTICS MATTERS. SPECIFICALLY, WE APPROVE AS

PRESENTED THE INTERDICTION ROADS PROJECTS AND PROPOSED FY 76 OBLIGATION FOR CONTINUATION OF HIGHLAND AERIAL SURVEY PROJECT. HOWEVER, WE NEED FULLER RATIONALE FOR CERTAIN FEATURES OF THE NATIONAL POLICE AND CUSTOMS IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. FOLLOWING REQUESTS ARE KEYED TO SUPPORTING MATERIALS PROVIDED IN REF A.

(A) RE NATIONAL POLICE PROGRAM (PP 5-10 OF ENCLOSURE): REQUEST MORE INFORMATION ON USE AND JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECTED PURCHASE OF THREE FISHING TRAWLERS BEGINNING FY 75. SIMILARLY, PLEASE EXPLAIN NEED FOR TEN AERIAL AND SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS. WE ALSO QUESTION THE PURCHASE DURING "SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS" OF 65 MOTORCYCLES AND 161 RADIOS.

(B) RE CUSTOMS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: (PP 11-15 OF ENCLOSURE) REQUEST FULL JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT (USED AND MAINTAINED BY WHOM, FOR WHAT PURPOSE AND TYPE ENVISAGED?) WE ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN PROPOSED PURCHASE DURING FY 75-76 OF FIVE 65' BOATS. PLEASE SUPPLY FURTHER JUSTIFICATION AND BACKGROUND ON PLANNED USE FOR AND RTG CAPABILITY TO MAINTAIN THESE CRAFT. GIVEN LARGE NUMBER OF PRESENT PATROL CRAFT DEADLINED BECAUSE OF POOR MAINTENANCE AND LACK OF SPARE PARTS, WE WANT TO BE ASSURED THAT SIMILAR SITUATION WILL NOT DEVELOP REGARDING NEW BOATS UNDER CONSIDERATION. ALSO, ARE BOAT TRAILERS NECESSARY? IN ADDITION, WE NOTE THAT SOME 47 MORE VEHICLES (UNIDENTIFIED) ARE TO BE PURCHASED FOR CUSTOMS WORK DURING FY 75-76. PLEASE IDENTIFY THE TYPES OF VEHICLES AND INTENDED USES FOR THEM.

(C) AS FOR HIGHLAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, WE ARE NOW STUDYING APPROPRIATENESS AND FEASIBILITY OF CROP/INCOME SUBSTITUTION PROGRAMS WITH ALL COUNTRIES WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN PROPOSED. WE HOPE TO HAVE TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS OF THIS REVIEW AND ITS APPLICATION TO YOUR PROPOSALS FOR THAILAND IN TIME FOR MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS NEXT MONTH DURING AMBASSADOR VANCE'S VISIT. IN MEANTIME APPRECIATE DETAILS OF PROPOSED TECHNICAL SUPPORT FUNDING INCLUDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.

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3. FURTHER ACTION ON REVISED FY 75 PROGRAM AND PROPOSED FY 76 PROGRAM DEPENDS ON RESPONSES TO ABOVE QUERIES. INGERSOLL

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